

Town of Vernon  
**Hockanum River Linear Park Committee**

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**Minutes – July 23, 2010**

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**Present:** Members: Ginny Gingras, Don Bellingham, George Arthur, Sonoko Fagan, Ann Letendre;

The meeting was held at the Lottie Fisk Building, South St. and was called to order at 9:40 am by Ann Letendre, chairperson.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of June 4th were approved as corrected. Motion by Don, second by George.

**2. Old Business**

**A. Hockanum River Trail Reports**

- a. Don Bellingham, Trail Manager – See Bellingham report
  - i. Don noted that vandalism continues at Dart Hill North picnic tables; also trash barrels thrown in the river. He will continue with same approach – repair as soon as possible, don't advertise the damage.
- b. George Arthur (Parks & Rec activity) – See Arthur report.
  - i. Overall, George reports that the trails are in super shape. He will lead a walk the entire 3-mile length of the Dart Hill Trail, as yet unscheduled.

**B. Hockanum River Parks & Parking Areas – Review of Needs**

- **Dart Hill South** – no report
- **Dart Hill North** – no report
- **Walgreen Corner** – George trimmed in front of the seating; more trimming is needed. Ann will check into the Walgreen agreement to see who was responsible for maintaining the area.
- **Saxony Mill Park** – weeds are growing in the gardens – they need a caretaker.
- **Paper Mill Park** – no report
- **Tankerhoosen Dam Park** – no report
- **Other Parking Areas** – Behind Pauls Pizza – George reported that a sign is needed; employees are parking in front of the access road; he will work w/ Parks and Rec to send a letter and put up a sign.

**C. New Parks and Trails – Status**

- A. Vernon Marsh** – See Arthur report
- B. Franklin St** – See Arthur report
- C. Lyman to Pleasant St Pleasant St to Courthouse One** – see Arthur report
- D. Downtown Rockville Trail** – Bruce provided a report that trees were cut; the area was weed-whacked; and the picnic table was removed.

**D. Grant Status**

- A. Vernon Marsh** – DEP contract is fully executed, project is in progress
- B. Downtown Rockville Trail** – DEP contract is fully executed, project is in progress

**E. River Protection: Actions, Public Education –**

- A. Conservation Commission Aquatic Invasive Removal – July 24<sup>th</sup>** - Ann reported that approximately 15 volunteers will take part in the workshop and streamwalk.

**3. New Business**

- A. DEP Request for Cost to Complete for HRLP Master Plan** - Ann reported that she has not had definite word that the Rec Trails grant round is approved, but if it is, the grant will be due Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. At a minimum, we will provide a grant for the boardwalk. Difficult ones are one house on Pleasantview, two Giulietti properties.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 am, motion by Arthur, second by Bellingham.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Letendre, Chairperson